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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHOYA YODA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PEZZUTO, HELEN LEE  
SERIAL NO: 10/588,514 :  
FILED: NOVEMBER 17, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1796  
FOR: WATER-SOLUBLE RESIN, HAIR COSMETIC MATERIAL :  
CONTAINING THE SAME, AND SILICONE OIL ADSORPTION  
ASSISTANT

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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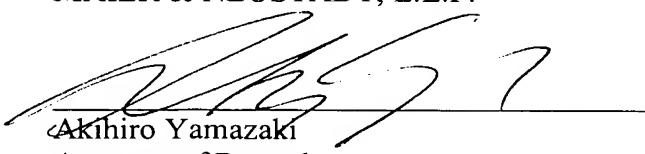
SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Official Action dated August 20, 2009, Applicants elect Group I (Invention), Claims 1-10 and 19, drawn to a water-soluble resin. Furthermore, in response to the Election of Species Requirement stated in the same Office Action, Applicants elect hydroxyethyl acrylamide expressed in Claim 4 and methacroyloxyethyl-trimethylammonium chloride expressed in Claims 6 and 10 for the purposes of examination.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of each of Claims 1-10 and 19 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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